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WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

October 5, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 70979
APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
AND APPROVE ACQUISITION AND SETTLEMENT
FOR PACOIMA DAM AND RESERVOIR - PARCEL 26F
LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED
AREA OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

These actions are to establish Capital Project No. 70979, approve the project budget and related appropriation adjustment, and approve the acquisition of fee-owned land for Pacoima Dam and Reservoir in the unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15305 and Section 15325(a) of the CEQA guidelines and Class 5(c) and Class 25 of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, as they provide for access to property and the transfer of ownership of land to preserve existing natural conditions.
2. Establish Capital Project No. 70979 and approve a project budget of \$769,600 for the land acquisition of the Pacoima Dam and Reservoir.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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3. Approve the appropriation adjustment in the amount of \$770,000 from the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Flood Control District Fund Budget Capital Assets - Infrastructure Appropriation to Capital Project No. 70979.
4. Approve the acquisition of fee title to land known as 18751 Little Tujunga Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, also referred to as Pacoima Dam and Reservoir, Parcel 26F, in the unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles, from Milton Datsopoulos.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Board), acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), for the acquisition of fee title to land known as 18751 Little Tujunga Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, also referred to as Pacoima Dam and Reservoir, Parcel 26F, in the unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles. The 32-acre parcel of land will provide necessary access to Pacoima Reservoir and the upstream face of the Pacoima Dam for required maintenance. Portions of the parcel that contain habitat may be permanently protected as mitigation to offset impacts from other LACFCD projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). This transaction will enable necessary maintenance and repair to the Pacoima Dam and Reservoir, which will result in improved flood control and water conservation thereby improving the quality of life for the residents of the County of Los Angeles.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The recommended purchase price of the land acquisition, total project cost of \$769,600, is representative of the fair market value and was accepted by the property owner, Milton Datsopoulos.

Your Board's approval of the attached appropriation adjustment will make the \$769,600 available in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Capital Projects Budget to purchase the land. This appropriation adjustment will transfer \$770,000 from the Flood Control District Fund Budget Capital Assets - Infrastructure Appropriation to the Flood Control District Fund

Capital Assets - Land Appropriation for the Pacoima Dam and Reservoir acquisition, Capital Project No. 70979.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A portion of Pacoima Dam and Reservoir, Parcel 26F, is encumbered with an easement in favor of the LACFCD for flood control purposes. The easement includes the area of the reservoir, but does not provide for access to the reservoir. Acquisition of this parcel will automatically terminate the LACFCD's easement interest and allow for full control of the land.

Historically, maintenance access to the reservoir was allowed through the subject parcel under an informal agreement with the property's former owner. The current owner, Milton Datsopoulos, has issued a temporary access right to the LACFCD until purchase of the parcel is completed.

Milton Datsopoulos executed an Agreement to Convey and Claim for Payment form and signed the Grant Deed document in favor of the LACFCD. Acquisitions in excess of \$75,000 must be approved by your Board.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed acquisition is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15305 and Section 15325(a) of the CEQA guidelines and Class 5(c) and Class 25 of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for access to property and the transfer of ownership of land to preserve existing natural conditions.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will enable alternate access to Pacoima Dam and Reservoir for improved flood protection and water conservation without interfering with the primary mission of the LACFCD.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. T. Fujioka', with a stylized flourish at the end.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Public Works

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTDEPT'S.
NO. 690

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

September 9, 2010

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2010-11

3 - VOTES

SOURCES

Flood Control District Fund
B07 - PW - 604A - 47000
Capital Assets - Infrastructure 770,000
DECREASE APPROPRIATION

USES

Flood Control District Fund
B07 - CP - 6006 - 65032 - 70979
Capital Assets - Land 770,000
INCREASE APPROPRIATION

SOURCES TOTAL: \$ 770,000

USES TOTAL: \$ 770,000

JUSTIFICATION

This adjustment is necessary to provide sufficient appropriation in Capital Project No. 70979 for the Pacoima Dam and Reservoir acquisition as per the attached Board letter. (DPW BA No. 11-04)

ADOPTED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Leanne Hall
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE GAIL FARBER, Director

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

41 OCT 5 2010

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR ---☐ ACTION☒ RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY *Karen Shukuma*

B.A. NO. 022

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☒ APPROVED AS REQUESTED☐ APPROVED AS REVISED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BY *Gail Farber*

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